SUBJECTS.

Member requested that the Government might give the works connected with them to the ryots on contract, to be executed under the direct supervision of the Government officers. An arrangement like that would alone improve the efficiency of the minor tanks.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

68. The desirability of metalling the road branching off from the 6th milestone of the Main Southern Road and of constructing another road connecting the above road with the Trivandrum-Vizhinjam Road.

Mr. M. Raman Pillai (Member, Neyyattinkara taluk) said that there existed a road branching off to Vizhinjam from the Main Southern Road at the 6th milestone. It was constructed 50 years ago with improper levels. With the increase of cart-traffic, it became necessary to metal the road and he prayed that the work might be taken up at an early date. He also requested the construction of a cross-road to connect the above mentioned road with the Trivandrum—Vizhinjam Road, the deviation beginning at a point nearly a mile from Vizhinjam.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

69. The need for restoring the channel known as Thottiyar.

Mr. M. K. Govinda Pillai, B. A. & B. L. (Member, Trivandrum taluk) said that the Thettiyar Channel was the one running between Anathazhchira and the Veli lake for a distance of 7 miles. It passed through and was useful for about 50,000 parahs of paddy fields. There were numerous encroachments on either side of the channel and the channel beds had also been occupied in some portion by neighbouring landowners. He requested that all the encroachments should be caused to be removed and the channel improved.

Dewan's reply.—The Dewan Peishkar will be asked to report on the encroachments said to have taken place.

70. The need for converting certain traces in the Nedumangad taluk into roads.

Mr. M. Subramonia Pillai (Member, Nedumangad taluk) requested that the following traces now maintained by the Public Works Department at a cost of Rs. 456 per annum should be converted into roads :—

(1) the three-feet path from the Aruvikkara temple to the 16th milestone on the road to Ponmudi *via* Nedumangad market, 6 miles long;

(2) the six-feet path from the 1st milestone on the Anapara road to Aruvikkara, $2\frac{3}{4}$ miles long;

(3) the six-feet path from the 5th milestone on the Vellanad road to Kundamon kadavu, 5 miles long;

(4) the six-feet path from Bharathannur to Pallode, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles long; and

(5) the six-feet path from Vamanapuram to Chittar, 7 miles long.

The Member understood that the question of improving some of the roads was already under correspondence. He therefore requested that early action might be taken in the matter.

Dewan's reply.—The mileage of cartable roads within a 5 miles' radius of Nedumangad is at present one mile for every

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